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MEDICAL CARE FOR MINE WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inadequate medical care available for the Mine workers in Keonjhar district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to upgrade the existing ESI dispensary and set up additional ESI hospitals for these workers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): The Mine Workers are not covered under the ESI Scheme as per Section 2(12) of the ESI Act.However, Mobile Medical Dispensary (Barbil), Maternity-cum-Child Welfare Centre (Gurda), Primary Health Centre (Joruri), Primary Health Centre (Boula) Primary Health Centre (Siljora) provide health care facility to the workers engaged in the Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Chrome Ore Mines located in Keonjhar district of Orissa.Financial assistance is also available to the workers for treatment of serious ailments like heart diseases, Cancer, T.B. Leprosy, Mental and Kidney diseases in other authorized Hospitals.